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For: **Allergy Vaccines**

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants herewith respectfully request the following amendments:

#### ***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claims:

12. (new) A method for treating or preventing an allergic disorder, comprising administering from two to six times to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a derivative of an allergenic protein having a reduced allergenic activity compared with the allergenic protein from which it is derived, wherein the time intervals between administrations are at least 14 days.